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Honorable Glen E. Clark  
Honorable Judith A. Boulden  
Honorable William T. Thurman

RE: Attorneys fees in Chapter 13 Cases under BAPCPA

Dear Bankruptcy Judges:

Although, for the past several years, I have been concentrating my law practice on consumer debtor bankruptcy representation, I have not filed a new case since the effective date of BAPCAP. Given the increased due diligence, information and documentation required, I have been approaching the task of representing debtors very cautiously and I'm having a difficult time finding a comfortable system to help my clients understand the process, provide the necessary information and yet provide my services at a reasonable fee. I have been very apprehensive to set advance fees, and **currently anticipate filing a fee application in each case**. Unfortunately, such fee applications also increase costs and loss of time.

My experience in the several Chapter 13 cases I'm currently preparing for filing, confirm my concerns and the additional time required. I greatly appreciate the efforts of my fellow debtor attorneys to present specific facts and documentation to sustain a proposal for increased presumptive fees. But with my present experience, I'm afraid the proposals are too low to encourage proper and adequate representation of our clientele - the debtors. Thank you for your concern and review of this problem.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Lee Rudd  
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